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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is Jacklyn Rusnock, and I serve as State Representative for the 126th Legislative District in Berks County, representing communities including Exeter, Antietam, Reading, and Muhlenberg.

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed 8 percent rate increase requested by UGI Utilities.

Quite simply, my constituents cannot afford this increase. Families across my district are already facing significant financial strain from rising costs of groceries, housing, insurance, and ongoing inflation that continues to outpace wages. Many are not saving, they are surviving, and an additional utility burden would push too many closer to financial hardship.

This proposed increase comes at a time when natural gas prices have stabilized, and UGI has demonstrated strong financial performance. Their stock shares are up over 20% in the past 12 months and their dividend remains robust. This is not a company in distress, which raises a fundamental concern about the fairness of asking struggling ratepayers to shoulder additional costs simply for additional profits.

While I recognize the need for utilities to maintain infrastructure, ensure safety, and earn a reasonable profit, this request goes beyond what is reasonable. An 8 percent increase may appear modest on paper, but for seniors on fixed incomes, working families, and small businesses, it represents a meaningful and unsustainable financial burden.

We must also consider the cumulative impact of rising costs. This is not an isolated increase—it is one more added pressure on Pennsylvanians who are already at or near their financial breaking point.

The Commission's responsibility is to ensure that rates are just and reasonable for both the utility and the public. In this case, this proposal fails to reach that standard. Before any increase is considered, all alternatives, including cost controls, operational efficiencies, and other internal measures—should be fully explored.

Approving this request would send the wrong message: that even during times of financial strain, the burden will continue to fall on those least able to bear it.

I respectfully urge the Commission to stand with Pennsylvania families, seniors, and small businesses by denying this rate increase.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to protecting the people of this Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacklyn Rusnock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jacklyn Rusnock
State Representative
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